

**Eastern Upper Peninsula Citizen Advisory Council (EUPCAC)  
to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources**

The Upper Peninsula Citizen Advisory Councils (UPCAC's) were formed to give Upper Peninsula citizens more input into the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) regional programs and policies. Council members of both the Eastern Upper Peninsula and the Western Upper Peninsula represent a variety of DNR interests and help identify where the DNR can be more effective. The primary role of the UPCAC's is to offer informed advice to the DNR to be used in establishing work priorities at the local level and to participate in honest, open, and respectful dialogue.

January 27, 2023

Dear Acting Director Lott:

The attached letter was prepared by the DNR's Eastern UP Citizens' Advisory Council after discussion and approval by majority vote at their December 15, 2022 meeting. In summary, the Council wishes:

*"To better acquaint you with the performance of the Council and the natural resources it considers, we have put together and attached hereto a list of principal resolutions that it has considered and passed over the preceding six years."*

Thank you for your support and interest in Council activities.

Sincerely,

Tom Buckingham, Chair  
DNR Eastern UP Citizens' Advisory Council  
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cc: Mr. Scott Whitcomb, DNR  
Ms. Stacy Haughey, DNR  
EUPCAC Council Members

January 4, 2023

Ms. Shannon Lott, Acting Director  
Michigan Department of Natural Resources  
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**RE: WELCOME FROM EASTERN UP CAC  
PRINCIPAL RESOLUTIONS REPORT**

Dear Acting Director Lott:

On behalf of the DNR Citizen Advisory Council for the Eastern Upper Peninsula, we welcome you and look forward to working with you and continuing to work with the talented DNR staff.

Throughout the tenure of the Council's existence, its members have discussed and adopted multiple resolutions on a variety of DNR matters. In so doing, the Council members gave due consideration to all pertinent information made available and presented to it and have considered the opinions of the diverse interests represented by the individual Council members. They will continue to so act on future matters presented to the Council.

To better acquaint you with the performance of the Council and the natural resources it considers, we have put together and attached hereto a list of principal resolutions that it has considered and passed over the preceding six years.

We look forward to working with you and the other DNR staff in 2023. Please, do not hesitate to call upon us to entertain existing or new matters.

**Eastern Upper Peninsula DNR Citizens Advisory Council**

Tom Buckingham, Chairperson  
Gary Gorniak, Vice-Chairperson  
Jack Thomas, Secretary

## **EASTERN UPPER PENINSULA CITIZENS ADVISORY COUNCIL RESOLUTION HISTORY**

### **2022**

April 22 Recommended enhancing walleye rearing in DNR Fisheries budget

### **2021**

December 6 Supported the prohibition against the use of snowmobile trails by vehicles other than snowmobiles during the period of December 1 through March 31 of following year

October 19 Recommended that the DNR oppose House Bills 5358, 5359 & 5360 pertaining to the proposed use of guide services for hunting and fishing

April 22 #1: Supported the WUPCAC's recommendation to the Dept of Natural Resources to entertain all suggestions made in the WUPCAC'S expressed concerns with the new Michigan Inland Lakes Walleye Management Plan

#2: Supported the WUPCAC'S recommendation to the Department of Natural Resources to oppose underwater spearing of game fish

### **2020**

December 16 Recommended adding to the MDNR Wolf Management Plan: Expand hunting and Trappings areas for the Gray wolf & establishing Long Term population goals for the Gray wolf

October 20 Supported House bills 4567, 4568 & 4569 regarding commercial fishing regulations

August 20 Recommended including information about lead ammunition in Hunter Education Curriculum & big Game Hunting Guides and Digests

### **2019**

February 20 Recommend implementing a youth bear hunt for a two-year trail period in the UP

### **2018**

December 5 Recommend filling Bear/Wolf Specialist position and keeping it in the UP

October 18 Support WUPCAC resolution pertaining to Perch Regulations

August 1 Commendation for CO Evink

April 19 Support trails Strongs/Brimley & Strongs/Trout Lake

March 22 Joint UPCAC resolution recommending to the governor that 2 positions on the NRC be held and continue to be held by a minimum of 2 residents of the UP

### **2017**

- August 24 Supports the efforts of MDNR, Parks & Recreation division to limit the types of firewood allowed on P & R Division lands to help reduce the spread of invasive species
- April 20 #1: The EUPCAC supports the efforts of the U.P. Habitat Workgroup and will assist the Workgroup in sharing their formal recommendations to stakeholders in the Eastern U.P. Approved unanimously.
- #2: The EUPCAC applauds the efforts of the U.P. CWD Taskforce and supports the Taskforce's final recommendations (motions) to prevent and/or eradicate CWD in the U.P. Approved unanimously.

## 2016

- June 16 #1: The EUPCAC recommends the MDNR contact tribal natural resource departments, for those treaty areas in the Upper Peninsula, to request they consider voluntarily reducing the number of whitetail permits issued to tribal hunters.
- #2: The EUPCAC recommends the MDNR identify and provide a method or "trigger" on timber harvesting certain lands adjacent to a deer yard when the winter index hits a certain level.
- #3: The EUPCAC recommends the MDNR, thru the necessary channels, support the return of a bounty on coyotes.
- #4: The EUPCAC recommends the MDNR end all current whitetail hunting seasons in the Upper Peninsula as they currently exist and replace them with the following:
- 1) one season, 30 to 45 days long, ending on November 30th (the season can be divided up—bow, rifle, etc., within the 30 to 45 days);
  - 2) all legal methods of take allowed;
  - 3) bag/tags as currently provided;
  - 4) combo tags or single tags;
  - 5) no change to APR's;
  - 6) no doe hunting U.P.-wide;
  - 7) those areas encompassed within Delta, Menominee, and Dickinson Counties under the direct control of the MDNR's biologists having the ability to issue DMAP's only in those areas.